

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gunji et al

Application No.: 09/926,299

Filing Date: October 9, 2001

For: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Steadman

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, 1 month(s) to June 23, 2004.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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